



PORTLAND HARBOR CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP
NOVEMBER 13, 2002
6- 8 P.M.
800 NE OREGON STREET
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

FACILITATOR: Mark Burton

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Neighborhood Associations:

Robin Plance	St. Johns
Cathy Crawford	University Park
Larry Talbert	Hi-Noon

Environment:

Rhett Lawrence	OSPIRG
Dorothy Shoemaker	Sierra Club

Public Health:

Joe Keating	Oregon Center for Environmental Health
Travis Williams	Willamette Riverkeeper

Business:

Steve Gunther	Progressive Products and Services
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At Large:

Recreation:

OTHER PARTICIPANTS:

Katy Brooks		Non-Responsive	Citizen
Kim Cox	City of Portland	Barbara Smith	Lower Willamette Group
Sara Gardner	DEQ	Judy Smith	EPA Region 10
Libby McCulley	Willamette Riverkeeper	Dave Stone	DHS
Non-	Citizen		

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Minutes approved unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Agenda: Mark reminded people that all items for discussion or action must be on the agenda. He also reminded members to send agenda items and all attachments in at least a week in advance so they can be sent out to the group and read before the meeting.

Jim Robison and Judy Smith arrive.

Mark declared that he is a volunteer for WRK and provided some background as to how he got involved.

Robin announced that Ron Hernandez will not be able to be in the meetings anymore. He suggested someone contact Cathedral Park to see if they have another member who would like to attend.

CHAIR:

This discussion is a continuation of Robin's motion nominating Travis as chair of the CAG. Joe asked about conflict of interest between WRK and CAG if two organizations disagree on issues. Travis could appoint someone else who can speak on issues where there are conflicts. Some members were concerned about a perceived conflict. Travis said felt confident that this could be avoided and that he would prefer that there are a variety of spokespeople for the CAG rather than just him.

Robin withdraws his motion..

MOTION: Nominate Travis as chair of the CAG. (JK,RP).

Approved Unanimously

NEW MEMBER NOMINATIONS:

Jim and Georgia have been nominated for positions. Discussion of open seats. It was agreed that there is officially one seat open – the recreation seat left by Diane Wyers. Ron Hernandez's seat may be open, but he has not officially resigned.

MOTION: Add another at-large seat and nominate Jim Robison for the position. (SG,TW).

Discussion: Jim gave a brief bio including: Past chair of University Park Neighborhood Association., Chair of Multnomah County Democratic Committee, and Director of West Multnomah SWCD.

Vote: Motion passes unanimously.

Georgia Richmond arrives.

MOTION: Nominate Georgia for the recreation seat. (JK,TW)

Discussion: Georgia's background: Native Oregonian who has camped and fished the tributaries to the Willamette. She has also worked with Dept. of Human Services and in the Dominican Republic.

Travis proposed that WRK represent recreation and Georgia take their public health seat. Joe withdraws his motion.

MOTION: WRK will take the open recreation seat and Georgia will take their public health seat. (RG,JK)

Vote: Motion passes unanimously.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Joe is concerned that there is not a need for an executive committee at this point. Others felt that these issues needed to be addressed soon. There was some confusion about the difference between finance committee and ex com. Travis said that the ex com could address issues of membership and other administrative details as well as finances. The goal of the committee would be to attempt to answer the concerns that committee members have had about membership, bylaws, structure, etc.

MOTION: Set up an administrative committee to replace the finance committee. The administrative committee would have listed responsibilities (see attachment regarding CAG Chair and Admin Committee roles). Committee chairs are changed to coordinators. The coordinator of the administrative committee will be voted on by the committee. (JK,JR)

Discussion: Joe would like the consideration of coordinators of committees rather than chairs. There was agreement on this.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

MOTION: Nominate to the administrative committee Travis, Joe, Robin, Steve, and Dorothy. Libby is appointed as an advisor. (JR,RP).

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Libby will send an email to the administrative committee tomorrow to get communication going.

CONTRACTOR'S PERSPECTIVE ON SUPERFUND – STEVE GUNTHER:

Steve gave a presentation on his perspective of the Superfund process as an environmental contractor. He broke the parties involved into four groups and gave his perspective on their motivations and goals in the process. His concern is that the process lacks urgency from the regulators and RPs. He is concerned about spending and that 42% of funds are spent on cleanup activities, 58% are spent on overhead.

TIMETABLE OVERVIEW:

The CAG agreed that they want to make sure that items are addressed as appropriate rather than out of sequence. Judy gave some perspective about the shape the RI/FS will take on in the next few years. She suggested that it might be appropriate for the CAG to dedicate the January meeting to lay out the timetable. Several people said they want to make sure that the CAG has input into the timeline development between EPA and its partners *before* the January meeting.

MOTION: Direct the Evaluation committee to work with EPA and other parties in bringing to the CAG the timeline for the process prior to the January meeting. (JR,RP)

Vote: Passes unanimously.

Robin pointed out that an evaluation committee member should be party to the discussions. Barbara said the LWG has discussed the need to brief the CAG as often as appropriate to ensure that they are up to speed before things happen. Judy said there isn't a precedent for having open process at this point so they are working to figure out how to engage the CAG as fully as possible at this early stage in the process. Dorothy and Judy will communicate on this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Evaluation Committee: Dorothy handed out the attached letter to be sent to Wallace Reid at EPA as the CAG's comments on the workplan. The committee met with Eric Blische, project manager at

DEQ and the items in the letter came from the discussion at that meeting. This would be a letter from the CAG to the EPA.

MOTION: The CAG adopt the concept paper presented by the Evaluation Committee. The CAG will give the letter to Travis to finalize. (JK,DS)

Discussion: The letter essentially agrees with WRK and DEQ and highlights some specific concerns.

Vote: Passes unanimously.

Steve's Amendments: Add as 2nd to last sentence in paragraph pertaining to hot spots: We would like the EPA to draw from the list of Tier 1 sites established by DEQ and produce a report which outlines clean up methods and schedules to expedite remedial action for these sites.

Discussion:

This amendment addresses the need for early action.

Vote:

Yes: SG,DS,RP,JR,GR,TW,RL

No: JK,CC

Motion Passes

Travis will clean up, add amendment, and send to EPA.

Education and Outreach Committee:

The North Portland Press article discusses at the last meeting has been printed.

The Committee wants the CAG to endorse the letter to Smith on S. 2596 to provide funding for Superfund. Some members were concerned about the CAG's role as an advocate. Robin suggested that the letter should serve as a template for other groups to use rather than submitted by the CAG.

MOTION: Adopt letter as written with the sentence beginning with "For years, McCormick and Baxter..." struck. The chair is authorized to make final wordsmithing decisions and will send it off. (JK,SG)

Vote:

Yes: 9

No: 1 (RP)

OTHER ITEMS:

It was agreed that, in the future, written language should not be adopted unless it is submitted to the CAG at least a week prior to the meeting so that members have time to carefully consider written materials.

Meeting Adjourns: 8:15